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HEADQUARTERS SPACE AND MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER (AFMC)
LOS ANGELES, CA

MEMORANDUM FOR All Potential Offerors

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FROM: SMC/CZV
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SUBJECT: Executive Summary for Global Positioning System (GPS) III Architecture Studies, Partial
Draft Request for Proposal (DRFP), F04701-00-R-8031

1. The GPS Joint Program Office (JPO) (SMC/CZ) invites your firm to submit comments on the Draft Request for Proposal for the GPS III Architecture Studies. The primary objective of the DRFP process is to promote Government and industry teamwork allowing contractors an opportunity to evaluate and challenge any elements of the DRFP and to recommend changes that facilitate cost savings. It is expected that industry comments (including questions, suggestions, challenges to requirements and general remarks) will improve the quality of the RFP, eliminate conflicts, reduce proposal preparation time, and reduce the time required for Government evaluation. Responses to this request are highly encouraged but are voluntary. The Government is neither negotiating nor calling for offers during this process.
2. The primary objective of the GPS III Architecture Studies is to assess GPS-system wide architectural alternatives to meet Operational Requirements Document (ORD) requirements, reduce total ownership costs, and provide flexibility and robustness to meet evolving military and civil requirements for the next 20+ years. Contractors will be asked to identify, evaluate, and propose innovative and flexible solutions to satisfy GPS program objectives using the ORD thresholds and objectives. The deliverables will be an interim and a final report.
3. Please be advised that the GPS JPO has not received Congressional New Start approval for this program, which means that funding has not been appropriated for this program at this time. We anticipate receiving New Start approval in August 2000.
4. The JPO intends to release the DRFP in two increments. The first increment will be issued on 30 June 00 followed by a second release on 12 July 2000. The first release includes the Statement of Objectives, Contract Security Classification Specification (DD 254) and the ORD. The ORD is a classified document provided for your information but will not be part of the DRFP. Instructions on obtaining access to classified information are provided below in paragraph 11.
5. We are contemplating award of up to three Firm-Fixed-Price contracts for the GPS III Architecture Studies. Although GPS III is in the Concept Exploration phase and all elements are not fully defined, FFP contracts have been determined to be in the best interest of both the Government and the contractors based on the following rationale and assumptions: fixed budget, less Government surveillance, no formal cost reporting or accounting requirements, short period of performance, contractor's can customize their performance to meet budget constraints and contractors are incentivized to deliver an end product.

6. We are pursuing a very aggressive schedule for contract award. We intend to release the Request for Proposal (RFP) on August 1, 2000 with proposals due on August 31, 2000. Contract awards will be made by the end of October, 2000.
7. This is a competitive source selection that will be conducted in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 15.3 and Air Force FAR Supplement (AFFARS) 5315.3. The Government intends to select up to three offerors for contract award. The Government may award without discussions (other than discussions conducted for the purpose of minor clarification), subject to laws and regulations. Therefore, your initial proposal should represent your best approach for this effort.
8. The GPS JPO may hold Industry feedback sessions on July 18 and 19. Prospective offerors are invited to schedule an appointment with Tanya Schoon upon receipt of this letter. Subcontractors are strongly encouraged to attend with their prime contractor as time is limited. The sole purpose of these sessions is for the JPO to receive Industry feedback on the DRFP.
9. Federal Acquisition Regulations Subpart 9.5 prescribes responsibilities, general rules and procedures for identifying, evaluating and resolving organizational conflicts of interest (OCI). The policies governing OCI are designed to prevent the existence of conflicting roles, which may bias a contractor's judgement, and prevent an unfair competitive advantage. In order to mitigate potential OCI issues, the GPS JPO requires that contractors who have employees that work with or provide assistance to the GPS JPO have an approved Organization Conflict of Interest Mitigation Plan on file.
10. The Government is requesting that no exclusive teaming agreements be established between contractors in performance of the GPS III Architecture Studies. All contractors should be free to participate on multiple teams as desired. If you believe there is an issue with respect to this area, please bring it to the Contracting Officer's attention as soon as possible.
11. The GPS III Architecture Studies effort will involve contractor access to classified documents. Classified documents will be available in our Bidder's Library. Please see the "Bidder's Library-Technical Library Access Instructions" on the GPS III Website for instructions. In order to expedite contractor receipt of classified documents, we plan to send some classified documents by mail or fax to classified mailing addresses and fax numbers. If you have a classified mailing address or fax number, please send that information to Lt. Charlie Pacello at 2435 Vela Way, Suite 1613, El Segundo CA 90245-5500. Before documents can be sent, security clearances of individuals requiring access to these documents must be confirmed. To accomplish this please send a standard visit request to the GPS JPO for all individuals who will require access to classified information during the proposal process. Classified information will only be sent to prime contractors who will be responsible for coordinating and controlling all information released to subcontractors. Please submit the required information as soon as possible so you may have timely access to the classified documents.
12. It has been determined that a contractor under Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI) may not be awarded a prime contract for the GPS III Architecture Studies. Foreign teaming, licensing, or subcontracting are allowed; however, the participating companies must clearly demonstrate in their proposal how they intend to prevent disclosure of classified or export controlled information (reference DD 254) to their foreign team members.

13. The Bidder's Library contains documents that may be necessary in preparation of proposals and/or in performance of the studies. Please review the list of documents available in the Bidder's Library and identify any information that you think you may need that does not appear on the list. The GPS III Bidder's Library may be accessed at the following GPS III Website. <http://gps.losangeles.af.mil/gpsIII/index.htm>.
14. An Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors. The purpose of the Ombudsman is to receive and communicate concerns from potential offerors when an offeror prefers not to use established channels to communicate his/her concern during the proposal development phase of this acquisition. The Ombudsman will communicate certain offeror issues, disagreements, and recommendations on this acquisition into the proper channels. The Ombudsman's role is not to diminish the authority of the program director or the contracting officer, but to advocate an offeror's concern on a non-attribution basis. The Ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern when requested by the offeror. The Ombudsman will not participate in the evaluation of proposals or the source selection decision process for this acquisition. The Ombudsman is Mr. Leslie Bordelon, Executive Director, Space and Missile Systems Center, Phone Number, 310-363-3818.
15. All comments will be given an in-depth evaluation and considered for incorporation into the final RFP. The Government's evaluation and disposition of industry comments will be posted on the GPS III Website (see address below) or distributed to individual contractors if deemed necessary. Please e-mail or send all questions and comments to Tanya Schoon at Tanya.Schoon@losangeles.af.mil or 2435 Vela Way, Suite 1613, El Segundo CA 90245-5500. Request you organize your comments and questions by section of the DRFP or document (i.e. SOO, DD 254, CDRLS, Section B etc.) Issues that can not be specifically tied to a particular section of the DRFP should be titled "General". Tanya Schoon can be reached at 310-363-1741.



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